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Local Veteran Competes in the 32nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Richmond, Va. -- Wheelchair Athlete David M. Schlinkert from Rapid City, SD, is competing in the 32nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games held in Richmond, Va. June 25 – 30.

More than 600 Veteran Athletes who receive their health care at Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers across the country competed at the event, sponsored annually by VA and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Wheelchair athletes from across the nation, Puerto Rico and Great Britain competed in the weeklong event. The Games showcased athletic events including air guns, archery, basketball, bowling, track & field, hand cycling, motorized rally, nine-ball, quad rugby, power soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, trapshooting, weightlifting and slalom.

In addition, the athletes had a chance to share their stories during several activities throughout the Games. They took the opportunity to share information about the wide array of sporting opportunities available to disabled Veterans and the need for them to stay active.

The Games were co-hosted by McGuire VA Medical Center and the Virginia Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

For more information about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, go to <http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/wcg> or contact Jordan Schupbach at Jordan.schupbach@va.gov or call 202-664-3733.

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